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179 PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES SHUT DOWN DURING 2020-21

According to AICTE, this is the highest number of closure of technical institutions over the past nine academic years

134 INSTITUTES DID NOT SEEK APPROVAL

The 179 professional colleges that shut down this academic year include engineering institutes and B-schools. Besides, 134 institutes did not seek approval this year in view of the large number of seats lying vacant. Also, at least 44 institutes could not get approval or their approvals were withdrawn due to punitive action by the technical education regulator

EXISTING STUDENTS NEED NOT WORRY

- Progressive closure means the institute cannot admit students for the first year. However, existing students will continue till completion of their course and their degrees are treated as valid
- In academic year 2020-21, a total of 1.09 lakh seats approved by AICTE were reduced in pharmacy and architecture institutions

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTES CLOSED DOWN IN THE 2019-20 ACADEMIC SESSION

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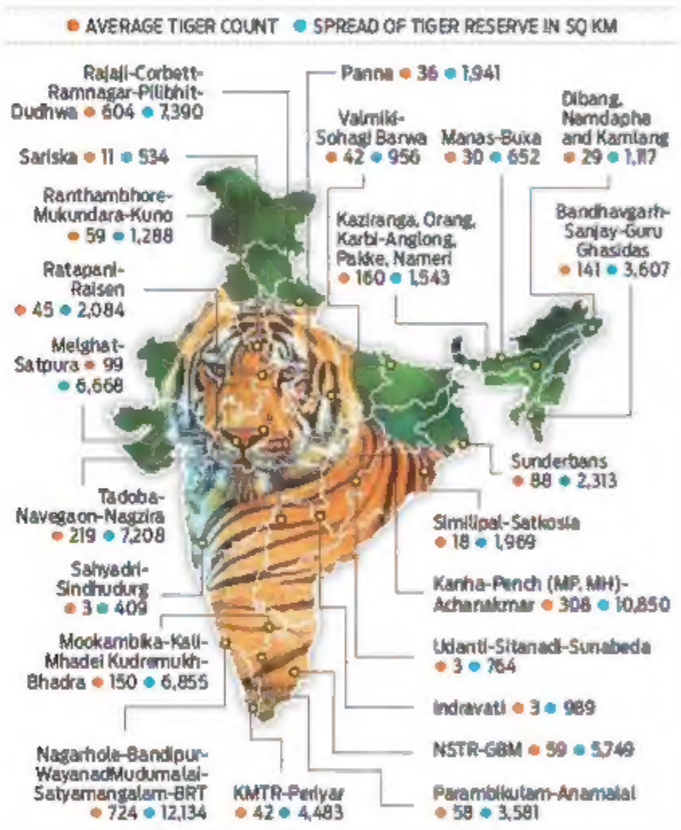
EXPRESS MAPS

TIGER DENSITY AND ITS STOMPING GROUNDS


AVERAGE TIGER COUNT • SPREAD OF TIGER RESERVE IN SQ KM
Rajaji-Corbett-Ramnagar-Pilibhit-Dudhwa • 604 • 7,390
Panna • 36 • 1,941
Valmiki-Sohagi Barwa • 42 • 956
Manas-Buxa • 30 • 652
Dibang, Namdapha and Kamlang • 29 • 1,117
Sariska • 11 • 534
Ranthambhore-Mukundara-Kuno • 59 • 1,288
Kaziranga, Orang, Karbi-Anglong, Pakke, Nameri • 160 • 1,543
Bandhavgarh-Sanjay-Guru Ghasidas • 141 • 3,607
Ratapani-Raisen • 45 • 2,084
Melghat-Satpura • 99 • 6,668
Sunderbans • 88 • 2,313
Tadoba-Navegaon-Nagzira • 219 • 7,208
Similipal-Satkosia • 18 • 1,969
Sahyadri-Sindhudurg • 3 • 409
Kanha-Pench (MP, MH)-Achanakmar • 308 • 10,850
Mookambika-Kali-Mhadei Kudremukh-Bhadra • 150 • 6,855
Udanti-Sitanadi-Sunabeda • 3 • 764
Indravati • 3 • 989
NSTR-GBM • 59 • 5,749
Nagarhole-Bandipur-WayanadMudumalai-Satyamangalam-BRT • 724 • 12,134
KMTR-Periyar • 42 • 4,483
Parambikulam-Anamalai • 58 • 3,581

- India has 2,967 tigers - 70% of global tiger population
- Highest prey densities recorded for Corbett, Rajaji, Pench-MP and Bandipur
- Largest contiguous tiger population in the world of about 724 tigers was found in the Western Ghats (Nagarhole-Bandipur-Wayanad-Mudumalai Satyamangalam-BRT block)
- The second largest population of about 604 tigers was found across Uttarakhand and western Uttar Pradesh (Rajaji-Corbett-Ramnagar-Pilibhit-Dudhwa

REPORT ON: P9

With 16K containment zones, city sealed up

12,325 active restricted areas; Experts say strategy adopted to contain spread of Coronavirus ineffective

IFFATH FATHIMA & BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IT'S shocking. Bengaluru now has 16,005 containment zones from a mere 20 in May, as the city has been reporting nearly 2,000 Covid-positive cases daily over the last few days.

Of these, 12,325 are active containment zones. The South Zone leads the list with 3,935 containment zones, followed by East with 2,256, West 1,770, Bommanhalli 1,548 and Yelahanka 437. In all, 13,276 streets, 1,267 apartment complexes, 23 slums, 40 clusters and one hotel have been identified as restricted areas as on Monday, according to the BBMP Covid-19 war room data.

While BBMP officials blamed people for not taking enough precautions after the lockdown was eased, leading to the spike, experts said the state government and Palike should stop pointing fingers at people, and focus on carrying out a comprehensive survey of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection and Influenza Like Illness cases, and reverse isolation of the elderly and comorbid patients.

A poster announces sealing down of an area near JC Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday | PANDARINATH B

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

Test Positive on Tuesday **5,536**

1,07,001 Total Cases

2,055 Total Deaths

40,504 Total Recoveries

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Dr Giridhar Babu, Professor and Head, Lifecourse Epidemiology, PHFI and a member of the Covid expert committee, said, "The SARI and ILI survey should be conducted at least once in 10 days, along with enhanced testing, strict isolation of cases and reverse quarantining. This will reduce transmission and also the burden on hospitals. We can also save lives with this strategy."

Dr Sylvia Karpagam, a public health expert and researcher, said the containment strategy works only in initial stages and the focus should have been on reverse quarantine. "Effective measures were not carried out by the government and BBMP. Containment is a planned strategy during the initial stages of a pandemic to cordon off areas that have reported a peak in cases and allows the spread to be curbed. However, when several areas are affected, containment is not a good strategy. If the government acknowledges community spread, then the focus can move from containment to two things -- one, to prevent the spread from person to person, and the other to protect high-risk groups," she said.

"If everyone is assumed to be potentially infected then everyone is encouraged to take universal precautions. But continuing with containment creates a feeling that some places are at risk and others are not. But in reality, all areas are at potential risk. With cases and deaths rising in Bengaluru, the focus should be on setting up safe reverse quarantine facilities for those at high risk, and publicise this," she added. P7

Reconsider decision to hold CET: HC to state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the state government to reconsider its decision to hold the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) on Thursday and Friday, as some students may miss it due to the prevailing Covid-19 situation.

The division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice HP Sandesh also told the state to place the decision on record on Wednesday. It was hearing two separate PILs filed by Eric E Stephens, NSUI secretary, Thiruvananthapuram, and others, and Abdulla Mannan Khan from Mysuru, seeking directions to defer the CET.

The pandemic situation has undergone a drastic change since the notification to hold the CET was issued on May 13. Over the past two weeks, the state has seen over 5,000 Covid-positive cases and Bengaluru 2,000-plus cases every day, the bench said.

Meanwhile, reacting to the High Court's direction, the government said that it is firm on its decision to move ahead with the exam schedule. P2

Now, NIA arrests Delhi Univ prof Hany Babu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday arrested Delhi University professor Hany Babu in connection with the Bhima Koregaon riots for allegedly propagating Maoist ideology and activities. It also claimed he was a co-conspirator along with other arrested accused in the case.

A resident of Gautam Buddh Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, 54-year-old Hany Babu is an Associate Professor in the Department of English, an NIA spokesperson said.

"During investigation it was revealed that Hany Babu Musaliyarveettil Tharayil was propagating Naxal activities and Maoist ideology," the agency statement said.

The case relates to allegedly inciting people and giving provocative speeches during an Elgar Parishad event organised by the Kabir Kala Manch at Shaniwarwada in Pune on December 31, 2017, which promoted enmity between various caste groups and led to violence, resulting in loss of life and property and statewide agitation in Maharashtra, the official said.

NIA sources said that Babu has close association with arrested activists Rona Wilson and Gautam Navlakha.

The NIA has accused Babu of conspiring with the other arrested accused in the case to carry out subversive activities. He will be produced in a special NIA court in Mumbai on Wednesday, where the agency will seek his further custody for questioning, it said.

Babu was recently summoned by the NIA, Mumbai branch, for questioning. Officials said after interrogating him for the last few days, a decision was taken to arrest him.

"During questioning, his association with accused Gautam Navlakha and others was established. The need for custodial interrogation was felt," the official said. P9

EXPRESS READ

Govt notifies amended civil aviation FDI policy

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday notified changes in FDI norms on civil aviation, which will permit non-resident Indian nationals to own 100 per cent stake of national carrier Air India.

Malaysia ex-PM Najib given 12 years in jail

Kuala Lumpur: A Malaysian court sentenced former Prime Minister Najib Razak to 12 years in prison on Tuesday, after finding him guilty of crimes involving the looting of the 1MDB fund. P11

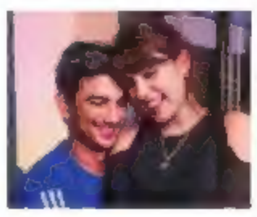
SUSHANT DEATH: RHEA BOOKED

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

BOLLYWOOD actor Sushant Singh Rajput's father has lodged an FIR against Sushant's actor girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty at a police station in Patna.

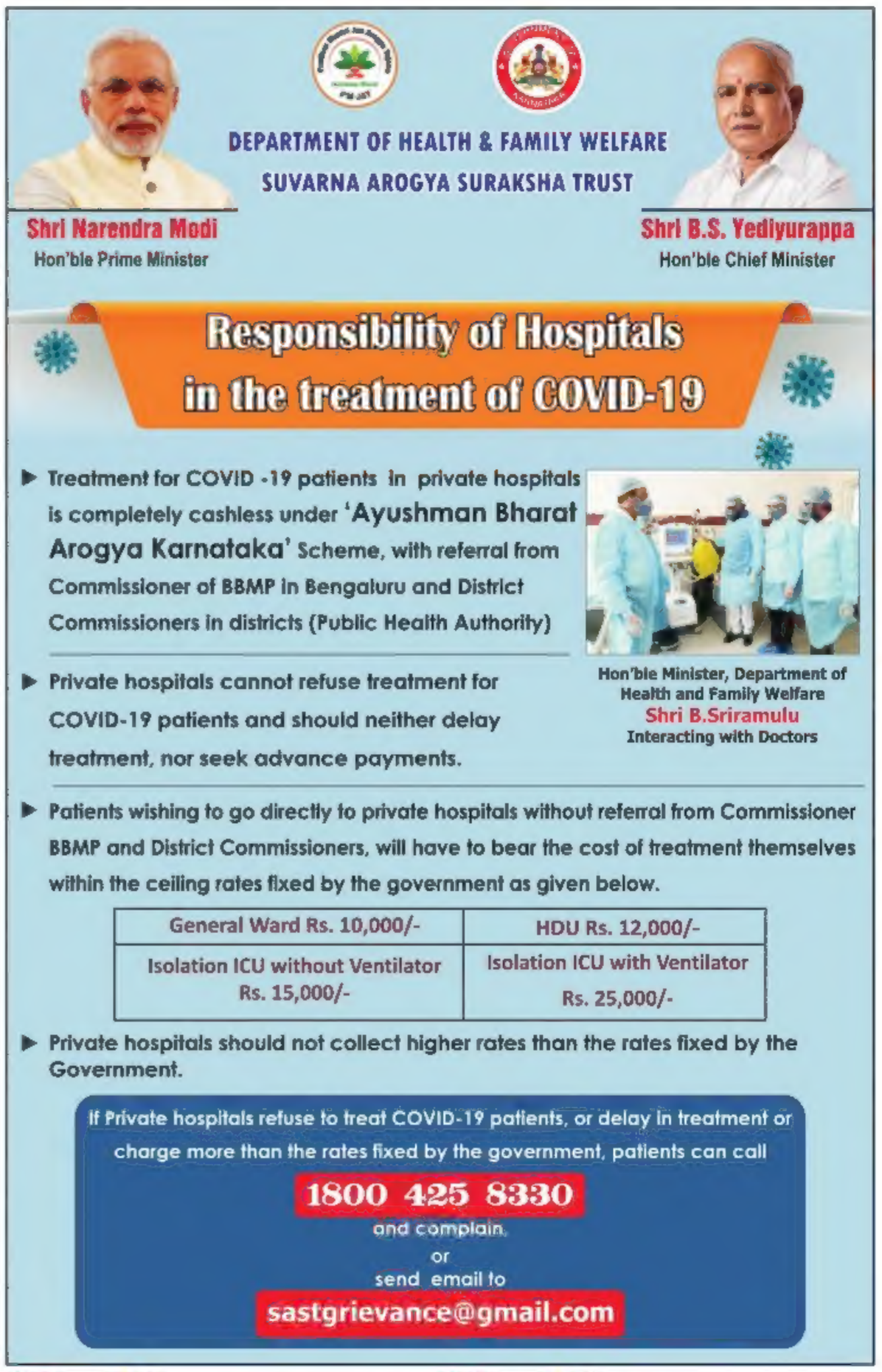
Sushant's family accuses Rhea of cheating him financially and mentally harassing him. The actor was found dead at his apartment in Mumbai on June 14.

Rhea was booked under various sections, including abetment to suicide. Others named as accused include Rhea's parents Sandhya and Inderjeet Chakraborty and brother Showik.



"The FIR was filed by Sushant's father Dr KK Singh on Saturday under Sections 341, 342, 380, 406, 420 and 306 of the IPC at the Rajivnagar PS," Patna IG Sanjay Singh said.

Sources said the FIR was filed at the instance of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar. Besides accusing Rhea of splurging his son's money on shopping, Dr Singh claims that a huge transaction of ₹15 crore was made from Sushant's account in a private bank. A four-member police team is in Mumbai in connection with the case.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Responsibility of Hospitals in the treatment of COVID-19
▶ Treatment for COVID -19 patients in private hospitals is completely cashless under 'Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka' Scheme, with referral from Commissioner of BBMP in Bengaluru and District Commissioners in districts (Public Health Authority)
Hon'ble Minister, Department of Health and Family Welfare
Shri B.Sriramulu
Interacting with Doctors
▶ Private hospitals cannot refuse treatment for COVID-19 patients and should neither delay treatment, nor seek advance payments.
▶ Patients wishing to go directly to private hospitals without referral from Commissioner BBMP and District Commissioners, will have to bear the cost of treatment themselves within the ceiling rates fixed by the government as given below.
General Ward Rs. 10,000/-
HDU Rs. 12,000/-
Isolation ICU without Ventilator Rs. 15,000/-
Isolation ICU with Ventilator Rs. 25,000/-
▶ Private hospitals should not collect higher rates than the rates fixed by the Government.
If Private hospitals refuse to treat COVID-19 patients, or delay in treatment or charge more than the rates fixed by the government, patients can call
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and complain,
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